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This is the ONLY television news coverage I can find from the station that attended last night's meeting. Video is included at this link:

<http://www.ksdk.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=357470>

EPA: Public is safe despite high levels of radioactive material at St. Louis landfill

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ST. LOUIS COUNTY (KSDK) - About 200 North County residents squared off against EPA officials Thursday sitting on a flood plain.

The West Lake landfill in Earth City near Bridgeton is filled with 8,700 tons of decaying uranium, thorium, and atomic bombs.

EPA officials said recent testing found high levels of radium at 25 of 75 wells tested. But officials stressed there. Manager Dan Gravatt said, "Right now those areas are fenced off. People aren't allowed on them and because people are scared for people."

Geo-chemists like Bob Criss of Washington University reacted with disgust saying, "I don't accept your science, clean-up to do the report? It's like having students grade their own tests."

The EPA wants to put a cover on the landfill and leave the radioactive material at West Lake. Residents want it cleaned up.

The federal government has been working to figure out how to deal with the radioactive material at this location. More testing and evaluation was needed.

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